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TAGS: PFOR GR TU CY

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH GREEK AMBASSADOR

1. GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS CALLED ON ME FEBRUARY 12  
BEFORE RETURNING TO ATHENS FOR A FEW DAY'S CONSULTATION.  
HE TERMED THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS "CRITICALLY ILL"  
AND SAID THERE COULD BE NO ALTERNATIVE TO INTERNATIONALIZATION  
IF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD NOT BEEN ACHIEVED BY END OF  
FEBRUARY. INTERNATIONALIZATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF RUSSIANS  
WOULD PRODUCE NO RESULT, BUT NONE LIKELY ANYWAY AND GREEK  
CYPRIOTS WERE INSISTENT THAT THIS COURSE BE TRIED.

2. DOUNTAS SAID GOT HAD BROUGHT THIS TURN OF EVENTS ON  
ITSELF. IF IT HAD GIVEN CLERIDES SOMETHING ON REFUGEE  
RETURN, WHEN HE WAS IN CHARGE AND WHEN GREECE WAS BACKING  
HIM 100 PERCENT, ARCHBISHOP COULD NOT HAVE RETURNED TO  
CYPRUS KNOWING HE COULD DO NO BETTER.

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3. ON PAST WEEKEND'S THREAT OF MILITARY ACTION BY TURKEY,

DOUNTAS SAID HE HAD BELIEVED FROM THE FIRST THAT TROOP  
MOVEMENTS WERE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE DESIGNED NOT TO LET  
GREEKS FORGET THAT TURKEY HAD THE UPPER HAND.

4. ON RADICALIZATION OF GREEK CYPRIOT ENVIRONMENT, DOUNTAS  
COMMENTED THAT Owing TO FRUSTRATION OVER TOTAL LACK OF  
PROGRESS GENERALLY AND TOTAL IMPASSE ON REFUGEE RETURN,  
SPECIFICALLY, GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE THINKING LESS AND LESS  
IN RATIONAL TERMS, E. G. MODERATES WHO TWO MONTHS AGO  
SUPPORTED CLERIDES-DENKTASH NEGOTIATION AND A PEACEFUL  
APPROACH TO SOLUTION ARE NOW SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING FORMATION  
OF ARMED TERRORIST GROUPS. I MADE THE OBVIOUS COMMENT THAT  
THIS WAS A GOOD WAY TO LOSE THE REST OF THE ISLAND TO TURKEY.  
DOUNTAS REPLIED THAT MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS NO LONGER CARE.

5. I TOLD DOUNTAS THAT AS RESULT OF JUST COMPLETED FIELD TRIP  
TO MORPHOU AREA, I HAD RELUCTANTLY COME TO CONCLUSION THAT  
THAT AREA NOW PROBABLY NO LONGER NEGOTIABLE (IF INDEED IT EVER  
HAD BEEN). MY VISUAL OBSERVATION HAD CONFIRMED THAT TOWN  
OF MORPHOU IS NOW AS SOLIDLY TURKIFIED AS KYRENIA. DOUNTAS  
WAS VERY DISTURBED, SAYING THAT THIS MADE THE CRITICAL  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SOLUTION AND NO SOLUTION. WITHOUT SUB-  
STANTIAL REFUGEE RETURN TO MORPHOU, THERE WOULD NOT BE  
ENOUGH RETURN TO PERMIT ANY GREEK CYPRIOT OR MAINLAND GOVERN-  
MENT TO SIGN ON.

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